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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 12-19 and amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein 1 part by weight of cetrorelix acetate is dissolved in [100-1000] 20-10000 parts by weight of a 30% strength (w/w) acetic acid solution and diluted with water to 3% strength aqueous acetic acid, and the bulking agent is mannitol.

REMARKS

Claims 20-23 are under examination. Reconsideration is requested.

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